

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

The Legislature Meets Soon.—In January the State Legislature will meet. There is considerable evidence that unusual efforts will be made to remove the legal barriers that are designed to protect the public against half-educated practitioners of the healing art. Members of the State Society are strongly urged to get in touch at once with their senators and assemblymen, and remind them that the regular medical profession demands that standards be *not lowered*. We feel it the duty of the State to see that only educated and completely trained physicians are provided for the public. . . .

Malpractice Indemnity Fund.—It is with some degree of satisfaction we are able to announce that the necessary number has been secured to place this scheme in operation. We have now three hundred in the list, and there is a gradual daily increase. . . .

Doctor Philip Mills Jones.—How few of us can do things that others cannot. Were you or I to die tomorrow, what difference would it make? . . .

Work, that is the thing. And how few do work that others cannot; make things, do or write or say things that others cannot.

It was strange to pass the State Society's offices; they had that look of the unknown that sudden and shocking events impart to the most ordinary and intimate objects. To hear a typewriter rattling, and to think of him who used to dictate—to see files and stacks of letters, malpractice suits and judgments coming in, and to think of him whom they used so vitally to interest. To think of the complex fabric of the State Society that he had woven, the JOURNAL, the Medical Defense, and all he had done to bring the profession together, to think of questions critically concerning them, and of what they meant to him—and to us—his work lying undone, and he caring no longer.

Doctor Jones will be missed. Who is there to do his work? to combine law and medicine and his talent for organization; to bring to them an even and justly balanced intelligence, industry and a knowledge of dealing with men?

"To be honest, to be kind"—yes—but more than that—"Work while it is called Today; for Night cometh wherein no man can work."

The Night hath come, and we are groping for a guide

Medicine and Physiology.—A prominent authority, writing a few years back on the failure of internal medicine to advance *pari passu* with surgery, said, and with much truth, that the answer was to be found in the slow growth of physiology. Many of the most fundamental questions are quite unsolved;—the whole story of the work of the liver, the largest cell aggregate in the body; the *modus operandi* of local vascular control, which, if it could be wrested from the subconscious employment of the individual to the conscious direction of the physician would remake the science of treatment; these, and many other great problems, await the answer of the physiologist before internal medicine can be ranged along with chemistry or mechanics in the domain of knowledge. On the other hand, it is unfortunately true that the average practitioner pays little attention to physiology after leaving college. . . .

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

Charles B. Pinkham, M. D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California, reports results of the written examination held in Sacramento, October 21 to 23, inclusive, 1941. The examination for physicians and surgeons covered nine subjects and included ninety questions. An average of 75 per cent is required to pass. Seventy-nine applicants wrote the examination. Included in the applicants were several graduates of foreign medical schools.

The highest mark for physicians and surgeons (86-7/9 per cent) was made by Harry Andre Melvin, M. D., Southern Pacific Hospital, San Francisco, California, a graduate of the University of Oregon Medical School, June 6, 1941.

The following is a list of successful applicants:

NAME	SCHOOL
Alsberg, Julius Peter.....	U. of Hamburg, '19 Germany
Anderson, Melvin Walter.....	U. of Oregon Med. Sch., '39 Santa Barbara
Bailey, Nicholas Edward.....	U. of Nebraska Coll. of Med., '41 Orange
Barr, Robert Maurice.....	Coll. of Med. Evang., '41 National City
Briggs, Barton Eugene.....	Boston U. Sch. of Med., Mass., '41 San Francisco
Burton, Thomas Philip.....	U. of Illinois Coll. of Med., '41 San Francisco
Campbell, Macia.....	U. of Toronto Fac. of Med., Canada, '40 San Francisco
Cannon, Jesse F.....	George Washington U. Sch. of Med., D.C., '41 Oakland
Crookston, Wayne Gilbert.....	U. of Pennsylvania Sch. of Med., '39 Salt Lake City, Utah
Culiner, Norman W.....	U. of Toronto Fac. of Med., Canada, '41 San Francisco
Englund, DeWitt Walter.....	U. of Minnesota Med. Sch., '40 Orange
Feder, Ellen Wynne Posnjak.....	George Washington U. Sch. of Med., D.C., '40 Los Angeles
Fisher, Russell Virgil.....	Coll. of Med. Evang., '41 Glendale
Friedlander, Ernst.....	U. of Vienna, '14 Austria
Friedrich, Leland Edward.....	U. of Wisconsin Med. Sch., '41 Oakland
Garthwaite, Mary Elizabeth.....	U. of California Med. Sch., '41 San Francisco
Glickman, Milton.....	Loyola U. Sch. of Med., Ill., '40 Beverly Hills
Gummess, Glen Hall.....	Harvard U. Med. Sch., Mass. '38 Atascadero
Jensen, William Elmer.....	Creighton U. Sch. of Med., Nebr., '41 San Francisco
Kearns, Grant Franklin.....	Northwestern U. Med. Sch., Ill., '41 Pasadena
Keller, Virginia Inadine P.....	Northwestern U. Med. Sch., Ill., '39 Glendale
Knecht, Rudolf.....	U. of Vienna, Austria, '25 Los Angeles
Koerper, Victor Eugene.....	U. of Rochester Sch. of Med. & Dentistry, N. Y., '40 Santa Rosa
Kohlmoos, Heinrich Walter.....	Stanford U. Sch. of Med., '41 Oakland
Kollmann, Walter.....	U. of Vienna, Austria, '28 San Francisco
Kusayanagi, Masako.....	U. of So. Calif. Sch. of Med., '41 Los Angeles
Larsen, Loren J.....	Rush Med. Coll. of the U. of Chicago, Ill., '41 Oakland
Libbey, Charles Warren.....	Georgetown U. Sch. of Med., Washington, D. C., '41 Oakland
Lightner, Andrew George.....	Royal Hungarian Elizabeth Atlanta, Ga. U. of Science, '26
Loewenthal, Max.....	U. of Berlin, Germany, '21 Berkeley
Melvin, Harry Andre.....	U. of Oregon Med. Sch., '41 San Francisco
Mikita, Michael M.....	Rush Med. Coll. of U. of Chicago, Ill., '41 Oakland
Mitchell, Howard.....	U. of Toronto Fac. of Med., Canada, '41 San Francisco
Nelson, Waldo Ray.....	Coll. of Med. Evang., '41 Loma Linda

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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